

Claim Amendments

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Please amend the claims as indicated below.

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A wheel, comprising:

a first wheel section having a first hub portion, a first rim portion, and a first spoke portion connecting the first hub portion and the first rim portion;

a second wheel section connected to the first wheel section, the second wheel section having a second hub portion that combines with the first hub portion to form a combined hub portion of the wheel that is centered on a rotational axis, a second rim portion that combines with the first rim portion to form a combined rim portion of the wheel that is disposed symmetrically about the rotational axis, and a second spoke portion connecting the second hub portion and the second rim portion that combines with the first spoke portion to define an interior space between the first and second spoke portions; and

a spinner component mounted rotatably on the combined hub portion in the interior space between the first and second spoke portions for rotation about the rotational axis independent of the combined hub portion ~~[[.]]~~;

wherein the spinner component is not driven by a pulley component.

Claim 2. (Original) A wheel as recited in claim 1, further comprising a bearing component mounted on the combined hub portion that functions as means for rotatably mounting the spinner component on the combined hub portion.

Claim 3. (Original) A wheel as recited in claim 2, wherein the bearing component is a ball bearing assembly.

Claim 4. (Original) A wheel as recited in claim 1, wherein the spinner component includes a hub in the form of an annular ring and a plurality of radially extending projections on the hub.

Claim 5. (Original) A wheel as recited in claim 1, wherein the first and second wheel sections are bolted together.

Claim 6. (Original) A wheel as recited in claim 1, wherein the first and second rim portions are bolted together.

Claim 7. (Original) A wheel as recited in claim 1, wherein the first and second hub portions are bolted together.

Claim 8. (Currently Presented) A wheel, comprising:

a first wheel section having a first hub portion, a first rim portion, and a first spoke portion connecting the first hub portion and the first rim portion;

a second wheel section connected to the first wheel section, the second wheel section having a second hub portion that combines with the first hub portion to form a combined hub portion of the wheel that is centered on a rotational axis, a second rim portion that combines with the first rim portion to form a combined rim portion of the wheel that is disposed symmetrically about the rotational axis, and a second spoke portion connecting the second hub portion and the second rim portion that combines with the first spoke portion to define an interior space between the first and second spoke portions;

a bearing component; and

a spinner component mounted rotatably with the bearing component on the combined hub portion in the interior space between the first and second spoke portions for freewheeling rotation about the rotational axis independent of the combined hub portion;

wherein the spinner component is driven by friction of the bearing component without being driven by a pulley component.

Claim 9. (Currently Presented) A wheel as recited in claim 8, wherein the bearing component is a ball bearing assembly.

Claim 10. (Currently Presented) A wheel as recited in claim 8, wherein the spinner component includes a hub in the form of an annular ring and a plurality of radially extending projections on the hub.

Claim 11. (Currently Presented) A wheel as recited in claim 8, wherein the first and second wheel sections are bolted together.

Claim 12. (Currently Presented) A wheel as recited in claim 8, wherein the first and second rim portions are bolted together.

Claim 13. (Currently Presented) A wheel as recited in claim 8, wherein the first and second hub portions are bolted together.